

REMARKS:

Restriction Requirement Concerning Apparatus and Method Claims

The Examiner entered Applicants' amendments submitted on December 19, 2002. In a subsequent Office Action dated March 31, 2003, the Examiner asserted that Claims 1-67 are subject to the restriction or election requirement.

Specifically, the Examiner determined that Invention I, Claims 1-11, 13-17, and 29-50 were drawn to a polymeric composition and processes and that Invention II, Claims 12, 18-28 and 51-67 were drawn to a molding apparatus.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement.

However, Applicants choose to elect Claims 1-11, 13-17, and 29-50 drawn to a polymeric composition and processes. Applicants' election is not in any way an admission that the non-elected claims are a separate invention.

Claims 12, 18-28 and 51-67 are being cancelled, and will be pursued in a divisional patent application.

AMENDMENT:

Also responsive to the Office Action of March 31, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. Please find "Attachment A," which is a marked-up copy of the claims and "Attachment B," a clean copy of the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant is amending Claims 36, 43, and 50 as follows:

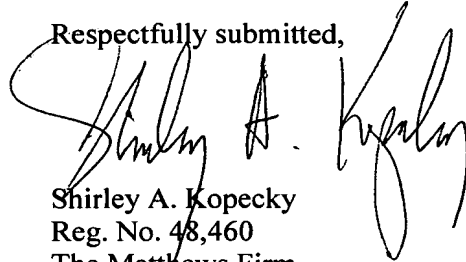
36. (Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ process of Claim 35, further comprising the step of using a first diverter station and a second diverter station to fill at least one mold at a time.

43. The member of Claim 15, wherein said rotation prevents said member from warping during cooling.

50. The composite of Claim 14, wherein a Banbury mixer or other open chamber mixer is used to mix said composite.

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